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DIRECTORS'S MEETING, COPENHAGEN, MAR. 15-16: THE HORN

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1.MIN TODAY'S READOUT OF THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING,
EC PRESIDENCY CHIEF JORGEN BOJER SAID THAT THE AFRICAN
ITEMS ON THE AGENDA OCCUPIED MOST OF THE COMMITTEE'S TIME.
SPECIFICALLY, THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS CONSIDERED A PAPER
PREPARED BY THE NINE'S WORKING GROUP ON THE HORN WHICH,
SINCE IT WAS COMPLETED IN EARLY MARCH, WAS SOMEWHAT OUT
OF DATE. BOJER EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR, AND SAID
THAT THE DANES WERE ABLE TO DRAW PRODUCTIVELY ON, THE
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REPORT OF THE CONVERSATION THAT THE DANISH DCM IN
WASHINGTON HAD HAD WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARROP
(REF A) AND THE SUBSTANCE OF REF B WHICH WE HAD PASSED
TO THE DANES HERE. THE UNIFORM REACTION OF THE POLITICAL
DIRECTORS WAS RELIEF OVER AND APPROVAL OF THE SOMALI
WITHDRAWAL. THEY WELCOMED THE STATEMENT BY THE CUBANS
WHICH PORTENDED A REDUCTION IN THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN

ETHIOPIA.

2. DANISH POLITICAL DIRECTOR OLE BIERRING PRESENTED THE US EXPRESSION OF HOPE THAT THE NINE MIGHT MAKE A STATEMENT WELCOMING THIS SOMALI DISENGAGEMENT. HE ALSO INFORMED THEM OF THE US WISH TO REMAIN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE NINE AND THE FACT WVE WOULD WELCOME THE VIEWS OF THE NINE ON HOW TO OBTAIN A DURABLE AND PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN THE AREA AS WELL AS ON THEIR POSSIBLE COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA.

3. NONE OF THE NINE, SAID BOJER, POSED ANY OBJECTIONS TO BIERRING'S EARLIER PRESENTATION OF THE US READING OF THE SITUATION THERE. NOR DID THEY QUARREL WITH BIERRING'S STATEMENT THAT THE NINE SHOULD WELCOME THE SOMALI DECISION AND SHOULD URGE THE PARTIES TO NEGOTIATE TOWARD A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. THESE COMMON VIEWS, BOJER SAID, WILL BE REFLECTED BY THE NINE INDIVIDUALLY AS THEY CARRY ON THEIR BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH "ALL THE COUNTRIES INVOLVED" (PRESUMABLY THIS MEANS THE SOVIETS AND THE CUBANS ALSO).

4. BOJER SAID POLITICAL DIRECTORS DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE EC SHOULD TAKE ANY COMMON INITIATIVE OR MAKE ANY STATEMENT VIS-A-VIS THE HORN NOW. THERE IS A DISINCLINATION ON THE PART OF THE NINE, BOJER SAID, TO MAKE AD HOC CONFIDENTIAL

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COMMENTS ON EVENTS. NOR IS THE EC POLITICAL COOPERATION MECHANISM SET UP, FOR EXAMPLE, TO CONDUCT THINGS LIKE THE DAILY DEPARTMENT OF STATE PRESS BRIEFINGS.

5. POLCOUNS SAID THAT HE WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT THE NINE WERE RELUCTANT TO ACT TOGETHER WITH THE UNITED STATES ON A PROBLEM AS IMPORTANT AND AS TIMELY AS THE PRESENT SITUATION IN THE HORN.

6. THIS MESSAGE IS CAPTIONED EXDIS AS DEPT.'S CABLES ON THIS SUBJECT WERE SO RESTRICTED. DEPT. MAY WISH TO REMOVE THIS RESTRICTION AND INFORM ADDRESSEES ACCORDINGLY.
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